

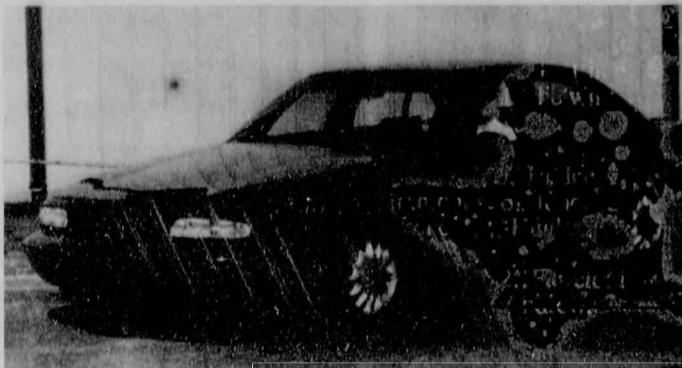
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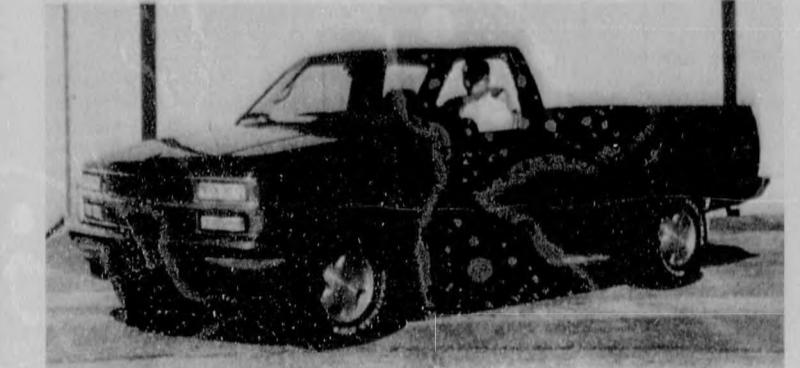
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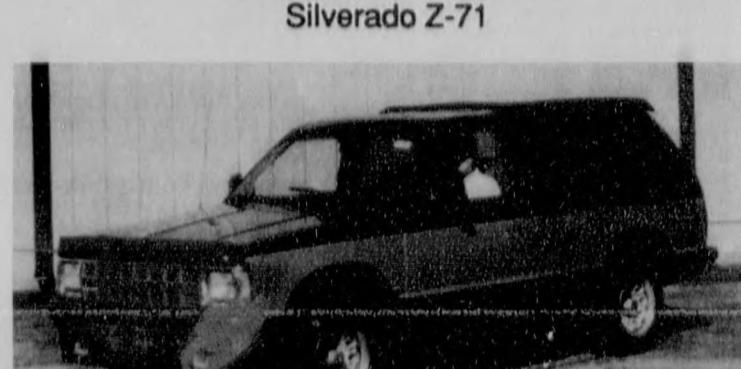
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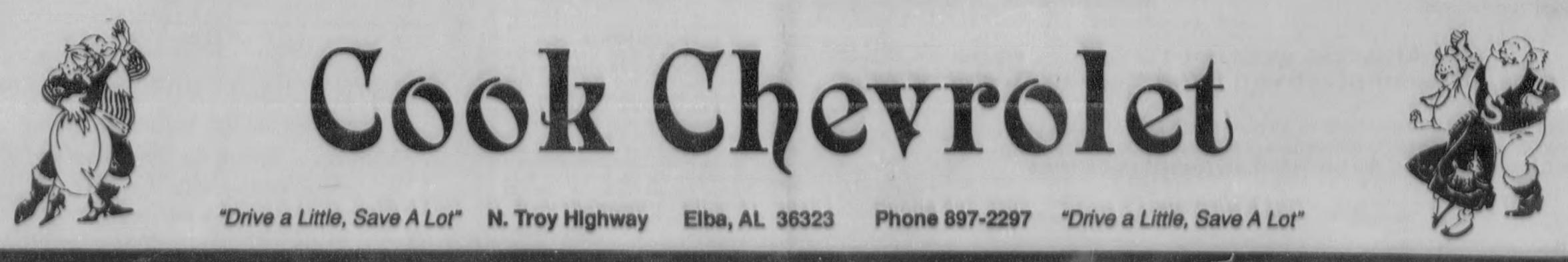
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## Coffee County Schools receive report card

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The State of Alabama's State Superintendent of Education released the first report card on schools in the state's 127 school districts in the state.

This concept of letting the schools know how they are measuring up was initiated by State Superintendent Ed Richardson.

Not only is the report card easy for educators to read, it can also be easily interpreted by parents of children in the system.

The report card provides indicators of the school system's performance and gives it a grade of A, B, C, D or F.

Below is the report card containing test score data compiled from the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in grades 3 through 11; the high school exit exam; and the writing tests in grades 5 through 7.

Also included is data on enrollment, average daily attendance, current expenditures per pupil in average daily attendance; the percentage of students eligible for free/reduced price on lunches; percentage of teachers with advanced degrees; percentage of federal and local revenues and local taxes offered for schools.

Roger Bowden, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools, stated: "We received a B on the Stanford Achievement Test system wide. This is something we are very proud of."

He added, "Our scores went up in every grade level except grades 3 and 5."

"Our students performed admirably in the exit exam making two B's and a C," Bowden said. "There is room for improvement here and we will strive to do better."

Bowden has worked with each of the principals in the county system's three schools and emphasized to them the importance of doing well on the report card.

Next year, in lieu of a system-wide report card, each school will receive one.

2. SAT Average:  
Grades 3-11: 52 (C+) (1994-95);

3. System OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test):

Grades 3-11: 48 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96). The state average is 50 percentiles.

4. ACT Test Scores (1994-95):

20.3. (The national average is 20.8 and the state average is 19.3.

5. High School Exit Exam:

Reading: 92 (B) (1994-95); 90 (B)

Math: 83 (C) (1994-95); 80 (C)

Language: 80 (C-) (1994-95); 81 (C-) (1995-96).

The state average is 86% for reading, 82% for mathematics, and 78% for language.

5.2. Total Students in 1994-95: 2,094 students in 1995-96.

6. Average Daily Attendance:

96.9% in 1994-95; 95.8% in 1995-96. The state average is 94.96.1%.

7. Average Current Expenditures Per Child in ADA (average daily attendance):

\$4,416.00 (1994-95). The state average is \$4,458 while the Southern Regional Board states' average is \$4,220.

8. Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility:

42% in 1994-95.

9. Professional Certification:

AA Certificate above: 4.3% in

Grade 3 (Class A) Certificate: 43.6% in 1994-95; 45.2% in 1995-96.

Bachelor's ((Class B) Certificate: 52.1% in 1994-95; 50.8% in 1995-96).

10. Total Revenues (1994-95):

Percent State Revenue - 68.1

(state average is 69.3 and national average is 46).

Percent Local Revenue - 18.8

(state average is 19.3 and national average is 46.7);

Percent Federal Revenue - 13.3

(state average is 11.3 and national average is 7.2).

11. System OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test):

Grades 3-11: 48 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96). The state average is 50 percentiles.

12. Miles Equivalent (1995-96):

This is the total amount of revenue collected locally, minus insurance and tuition, for public school purposes divided by the value of one regular district mill of all valuations.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The recycling expansion program the City of Elba launched last week is moving along ... along with a few jerks who just dumped their garbage out beside the collection bins. We urge local citizens to participate and participate properly. They are accepting plastic milk bottles, milk cartons, aluminum and cans, cardboard boxes, newspapers and magazines, as well as brown paper bags. They would like to have the labels peeled off and jugs rinsed out. Right after Christmas there will be a special box to collect cardboard boxes, right next to the recycling bin ... please bring all your empty, used gift boxes on down!

Our sloppy writing style was the subject of much talk on one discussion last week. The front page news story about Ronny Hammond resigning from the Industrial Board included a sentence which caused all our old English teachers ... yep, we did take English ... to be red faced. A sentence reported he failed to read the city council and had to resign. It just stopped right there after resign. In our careless haste, we apparently thought that was kind of a good sentence to an old sentence about the Industrial Board, but it was wrong in any way it is analyzed. That sentence would never diagram on an American chalkboard that Councilman Hammond was resigning from something that wasn't even in the sentence. Ronny should feel flattered to know good Elba folks didn't want him resigning from the city council, even though it took our mistake to get them to voice their thoughts.

Muskingum College, somewhere in Ohio, has bucked the trend in college tuitions and cut them by a whopping \$4,000 per year. This has paid off for the college without them having to cut student services or education quality. The increase in enrollment more than covered the individual tuition cuts. Bravo for them! It would be great for thousands of strapped parents and students if more institutions of higher learning would follow this lead.

Sweepstakes fans need to be forewarned. Scan artists are alive and working during this Christmas season. One scam they reportedly use is calling and asking for money to "clear" prizes through customs. After milking the victim for two or three checks or money orders, they just disappear and work their scam on someone else. The best way to prevent being a scam victim is "Don't send anyone any money to secure your so called sweepstakes prize." If you do get hit, or even such a phone call, notify the proper authorities.

We went with a church group on the bus to Calloway Gardens last Saturday to see their Christmas lighting display. It was a pleasurable trip with friends ... the lights were pretty, and the food was good. We are always amazed at how efficiently large attractions such as this handle, and keep entertained, the massive crowds. We first started observing this ability at Disney World years ago and have continued to look and learn. People have been known to compare it to herding cattle and in some respects they are right. There are guides (or herders) to direct you and railings or fences to keep you moving in the desired direction. It works so let's not knock it. Oh, about the Christmas lights. Yes we enjoyed them and are glad we went, but now have been there and done that and don't need to go back any time soon. It would not be as interesting and impressive on an immediate return trip.

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### FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman  
Terry Everett

#### Abuse of Federal Assistance Programs Targeted

With the passage of federal welfare reform legislation this year, incidents of abuse of taxpayer dollars in federal assistance programs have become more prevalent. In response, Congress has passed into law measures to stop "crazy check" fraud, and to further restrict alcoholics and drug addicts from receiving benefits.

Today, many disabled children rightly collect benefits from the U.S. Government's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program and in doing so are also automatically eligible for Medicaid. SSI is a Social Security program which assists the disabled. While this program performs a valuable service for those disabled American youths, there exists a flaw in the system which has led to its abuse by the unqualified.

One of the provisions of the Congressional welfare reform bill, which was signed into law by the President in August, turns off the tap on these federal funds to all but the truly disabled. In short, to be eligible for SSI benefits parents must now show clear and valid medical evidence of severe physical or psychological impairment of their children. No more coaching and no more abuse of taxpayers' dollars.

Earlier in the year, the House and Senate passed similarly important legislation signed by the President on March 29, which halves SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (DI) benefits for disabled individuals who are not SSI-eligible.

"The sensible thing to do, of course, would be to give some institutions to which disabled individuals go to receive education to a manageable system that meets the state's educational needs at that level while making more responsible use of the taxpayer's money. But this is Alabama," Everett said. "The program is not designed to be the direct result of their drug or alcohol addiction. This action was necessary since, in many cases, SSI and DI recipients have been using these benefits to subsidize their addictions at taxpayer expense. They were literally buying their alcohol and drugs with your money."

Americans understand that our society must be compassionate to those in real need. However, we have reached our limit with those who would seek to abuse taxpayers' generosity. By removing the cheaters, it is hoped that hundreds of millions of dollars can be saved and directed to those who truly need our help.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** - Alarm at the Laundromat on E. Davis St. (11:30 a.m.); Fight reported on Hickman Ave. (4:30 a.m.); River stage - 4.15 feet (6:30 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87N and AL 203 (by-pass) (12:35 p.m.); Fight reported at Elba Feed & Seed (10:06 p.m.).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:23 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Dairy Queen (8:58 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (3:10 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (5:41 p.m.); Driver involved in a collision with a car (10:20 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (10:22 p.m.).

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10** - River stage - 4.19 feet (6:27 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Hickman Ave. (4:30 a.m.); River stage - 4.33 feet (6:55 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on U. S. Hwy. 84E (2:02 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Forest Lake Dr. (2:36 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on N. Claxton Ave. (10:25 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11** - River stage - 4.19 feet (6:27 a.m.); Rescue run to Dorsey's parking lot (11:11 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Riverview Dr. (12:59 p.m.); Alarm on N. Claxton Ave. (7:26 p.m.); Possible explosion on Co. Rd. 369 (7:36 p.m.); Fight on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:35 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14** - Disturbance reported in Kennedy Estates (1:06 a.m.); Rescue run to a

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19** - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (2:50 p.m.); Fight reported on Washington Ave. (10:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (10:27 p.m.); Disturbance at Hardie's (10:34 p.m.).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20** - River stage - 4.49 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.



## Student Competency In Computer Apps

Last February the State Board of Education approved new high school graduation requirements to meet the mandates set forth in earlier accountability legislation. One new graduation requirement adopted was student competency in computer applications.

The requirement in computer applications can be fulfilled either through a semester course or through competencies developed in traditional disciplines.

The Coffee County School System is meeting these requirements in a seventh grade course entitled Introduction to Keyboarding and in an eighth grade course called Introduction to Business Computer Applications.

At Zion Chapel the seventh grade course is for one semester. Students are taught keyboarding and are given a test for approximately nine weeks. After this first nine week period, they are introduced to the word processing portion of a computer application that includes a database and spreadsheets. During a twelve week period in the eighth grade student competencies are further developed in word processing and then they are introduced to the spreadsheet and database. This is a requirement for seventh and eighth graders.

## SGA Leadership Conference



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Amy Collins and Amber Shiver; back row - Ke-lynn Williams and Daniel Pridgeon.

The four officers of the Zion Chapel Student Government Association (SGA) attended a leadership conference at Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC).

The officers attending were President Amber Shiver, Vice President Ke-lynn Williams, Secretary Amy Collins, and Treasurer Daniel Pridgeon.

The conference began at 9 a.m. with the speech from the president of SGA, the program coordinator, and the introduction of each ESJC Student Government member and each ESJC mentor. Their goal was an "out-of-the-box" so that those attending the conference could be acquainted with each other.

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## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls both realize that Santa can't possibly bring them everything on their wish lists, but to make certain that they do get at least something that they want, both made a list that was easy to follow. Melanie's list was short, but written on a large sheet of posterboard, while Melissa actually cut items out of the ad section in the paper and put them together in a bag. They won't get everything they want, however, they did make it at least a little easier for Mom and Dad, and Santa!

### ELBA TIGERS SEE RECORD SLIP TO 3-3

The Elba Tigers hit the hardcourt twice last week and suffered two big losses to see their record slip to 5-3. The Tigers hosted area foe Heathwood on Tuesday night and dropped a 61-48 decision, then traveled to Goshen on Friday night and got drilled to the tune of 80-58. Elba has a good basketball team and will win their share of games, but they aren't as good as many of the teams on their schedule and will also lose their share of games. If the Tigers will treat each loss as a challenge to improve the wins will outnumber the losses; however, if they let the losses get to their heads, another losing season could be on the way. My guess is that the Tigers will bounce back stronger than ever and post a winning season.

### AREA TEAMS HAVE BUSY WEEK ON COURT

The high school basketball season hit full stride last week across the area and it was a pretty good week for the area teams as everyone except Zion Chapel got in the win column. Here's a quick look back...

The Bulldogs began to put the pieces together and by week 5 began to look like a competitive team. The Bulldogs almost pulled off an upset against unbeaten Houston Academy, then late in the week went up to Zion Chapel and claimed a big cross-country victory. The Bulldogs aren't ready to make any predictions about post-season plans; however, they are getting better and are getting a lot of experience early in the season.

The Goshen Lady Gamecocks are off to a solid start for the full two-plus months each and every game, but posted two wins in three outings last week and is beginning to look like the Gamecocks that everyone has feared for years and years. The wins over Samson and Georgiana were solid wins over good basketball teams, and should give the Gamecocks a shot of confidence that could carry on for weeks to come.

The Elba 7th grade (0-3) remained winless on the young season, but the Rebels played hard for their losses against Kinston and may just be a team to watch before long. The Rebels have a couple of quality players that can put big numbers on the board, and when the rest of the cast is finalized, the wins will come.

\*\*\*BRANTLEY (3-0) continued to roll along in early-season action with a 15-point win over Straughn. The Bulldogs will be a team to watch for sure, but the team that will make their opponents play the entire four quarters, and win more than their share of games. This team has a long way to go, but could be a real contender before the end of the season.

### STATE FOOTBALL CROWNS CLAIMED IN B'HAM

The "Super Six" extravaganza took place last week at Legion Field in Birmingham, and when the day-of-the-event drew to an end, there were six state champions that were crowned. Most of the coaches were happy with the weather and a field that was in less than ideal shape, it was a very positive reaction that was heard. The star of the show was Clay County, which blanked Lineville 42-0 for their third straight title and 44th straight win, while T.R. Miller was in the final for the second straight year and went home wondering what would have happened if the game would have been played down in Elba. If nothing else, the first "Super Six" showed that the folks up in Birmingham at least deserve another shot at hosting the event and proving they can do a better job now that they have a year under their belts.

### OPP'S DUBOSE POPULAR CHOICE AT BAMA

The officials at the University of Alabama made a wise, and popular choice, last week when Mike Dubose was named the Tide's new head football coach. Dubose was obviously the most qualified assistant coach on the Bama staff and when describing his desire to move in house, he said that was one that drew nothing but praise. Dubose came up through the ranks as a player and coach at Alabama, and has already proven that he is going to be his own man with the word that he will replace the Tide's offensive coordinator and open up the boring Bama offense. Now that Coach Dubose is the head man, Bama fans need to remember that it takes more than a few weeks to mold a national champion, and support the new coach from the very first game.

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR WRAPS UP SEASON

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on all six state championship picks last week and closed out the season with a playoff record of 74-16 and an overall record of 457-98. Not bad for a local guesser!

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# Sports

## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

### Elba Tigers see record slip to 3-5 with 80-58 loss to Goshen Eagles

The Elba Tigers hit the road Friday night to battle the undefeated Goshen Lady Rebels and the competition a little too tough as the Eagles ripped the Tigers 80-58.

The win ipped Goshen's record to 5-0, while Elba slipped to 5-3 with 18 points.

### 7th grade Tigers remain undefeated

The Elba 7th grade Tigers hosted the New Brockton 7th grade Gamecocks last Monday night and remained undefeated by claiming an easy 45-10 win.

The (5-0) Tigers jumped out to an 18-2 first quarter lead, extended their lead to 28-3 by the end of the half and coasted in with the win.

### 8th grade Tigers improve mark to 6-2

The Elba 8th grade Tigers pushed their record to 6-2 with an exciting 41-37 win over New Brockton, last Monday night in Elba.

The Tigers fell behind 7-0 early and trailed 11-7 after one quarter of action, but rallied to take a 31-26 lead after three quarters and held on for the win.

### Lady Tigers push season slate to 6-2

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers improved their record to 6-2 last Monday night with a 40-37 win over New Brockton.

The Lady Tigers moved out to a 20-10 halftime advantage and rolled to the easy win.

### Six state football champions crowned

The Alabama High School Athletes Association crowned its 1996 high school football champions last week in the first annual "Super Six" title games at Birmingham's Legion Field, with one team claiming its third straight crown, one claiming its third title of the decade and three other teams grabbing a title after falling in last year's championship game.

The (15-0) Maplesville Red Devils, the 95 runner-ups, capped off a record year by blasting Lynn 45-6 to claim the 1A title. The Devils closed out the season by scoring a 41-7, 718 yard, an all-time high school record.

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promise as prospective administrators shall be held responsible for leadership training.

The second revision set the minimum standards for substitute teachers. Again these were being followed, but are now part of official policy. They require that a substitute teacher have a minimum of a high school diploma, experience, and a valid substitute teaching certificate; they must complete the minimum of two days orientation ... one day of classroom observation and one day training in classroom management, lesson plans and local school policies.

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Wallace Community College Students named to President's & Dean's List

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The following local students

Newbia Baptist Church  
Adult Choir to present  
"Meet Him at the Manager"

The adult choir at Newbia Baptist Church will be presenting "Meet Him at the Manager", a special Christmas invitation, arranged by Russell Mauldin on Sunday, December 22, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Solos will be performed by Betsy Grant, Mama and Jack, and the choir is under the direction of Marie Faulk. The pastor, C.P. Davis, and congregation welcomes friends, families, and neighbors to join the church body for the cantata. A Christmas dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.



Amy Farms

Air Force Airman Amy D. Farris has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

She is the daughter of Grace C. and John B. Farris of Elba, AL and a 1992 graduate of New Brockton High School, New Brockton, AL.

**ELBA  
GENERAL HOSPITAL  
REPORT**

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 10 through December 16.

The were: Zoey Moore, Dorothy Smith, John Kimmey, Dorothy Parish, Heather Dubose, James Parker, Debra Grantham, Edd Marshall, Jane Bass, Alice Hammonds, Richard Moody, Hayden Folsom, Janalla Marler, Brian Adkins, Elaine Thomas, Richard Moody, Jane Bass, Alice Hammonds, Janalla Marler, and Brian Adkins.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Dorothy Crawley, Ray Hussey, Edd Marshall, Ben Jordan, Zoey Moore, Faye Grantham, Dorothy Smith, Elaine Thomas, Richard Moody, Jane Bass, Alice Hammonds, Janalla Marler, and Brian Adkins.

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New rates for general service customers, effective December 20, 1996, are:

First	300 Cubic Feet	\$5.000 Minimum
Next	2,700 Cubic Feet	\$0.7330 Per CCF
Next	7,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.6430 Per CCF
Next	10,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.6330 Per CCF
Over	20,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.6230 Per CCF

New rates for industrial customers using the regular industrial interruptible rate, effective January 1, 1997, are:

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Next	9,000 Cubic Feet	\$4.4400 Per MCF
Over	10,000 Cubic Feet	\$4.2400 Per MCF

For new commercial, housing authority, and seasonal rates, which are effective December 20, 1996, contact the district.

Natural gas prices are volatile at this time, and remain above levels prevailing at the time the district decreased its rates in June 1995. As a result, the District is once again forced to adjust rates. We will continue to monitor gas prices during this period of volatility, in the hope that rate can be decreased in the near future. We will continue to strive to provide the highest quality natural gas service at a reasonable price.

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